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EVENT AND COMMENT.

Henri Rochefort and several of his
fellows, banished from France to the
Island of New Caledonia, have
escaped, by concealing themselves in
a vessel leaving the island. Reaching
Australia he telegraphed to France for
money, and of course he comes to
America on the everlasting lecturing
business.

Kindrick Sartin, recently shot in
Knoxville by Wm. Lewis, died on
Sunday the 25th ulto. Lewis seems to
have killed him in self defence, and
the unanimous voice of the Magistrates
so proclaimed and he was discharged.

The greatest labor strike of the day
has just occurred upon the Erie R. R.
The military had to be called out to
disperse the strikers before the trains
could be run. Then 1300 of the dis-
charged held a public meeting and de-
cided that none of them would work
unless all were employed. 1300 men
make quite an army out of employ-
ment.

The great financial panic reached
London on Ash-Fool's Day. With
that and the return of the army from
the Ashland war, and the marriage of
the Prince to the Czar's daughter, and
the late fall of Gladstone, and the
success of Disraeli, and the arrival of
Livingston's remains from Ujjj,
London has its sensation.

The Carlists are making things red-
hot in Spain. Carlos evidently has
the advantage of the Republicans and
that advantage consists in the unity of
his forces and adherents.

In a recent suit at Knoxville, de-
cided by Special Chancellor, A. H. Cal-
well, it appears that of the \$300,000 un-
liquidated indebtedness of the Bank
of East Tennessee, the assets being
only \$100,000, the sum of \$100,000 was
illegally paid and the holders thereof
cannot sue in the distribution. Of this
sum \$50,000, Brownlow holds \$25,000,
"his good-bye Nancy Jane!"

Joe Mayo, Jr., State Treasurer, has
been arrested for alleged embezzle-
ment of \$3,000. He disappeared during
the Coleman trial, but returned in a
state of mental aberration, which his
friends say has existed for some time,
and this it is thought will enhance the
conviction of Coleman, for it was on
Mayo's testimony that it was done.

THE A. M. & O. INVESTIGATION.

The two Houses of the Legisla-
ture have appointed a joint Commis-
sion to investigate the Van
Anten report, which assails the
management of the interests wrap-
pled up in the Consolidation bill. As
stated last week the friends of the
road have thanked the members of
the resolution for the opportunity
it will afford them to exhibit to
the world the wise and skillful use
they have made of the means
placed by the State within the
keeping of the Company. The
Committee consists of Messrs.
Nowlen, Thomas, Duffield, Pridemore
and Kirkpatrick, on the part of
the Senate, and Messrs. Mc-
Gruder, Dooly, Tallaferris,
Serrages, Yager, Alexander and
O'Neal, on the part of the House.

OUR ROADS.

We wish to direct the attention
of our Sullivan County authorities
to the necessity for some systemat-
ic effort towards the improvements
of our roads. The greatest draw-
back to the success of our efforts to
procure the influx of capital and
skilled labor is the condition of our
roads. A number of northern men
have desired to secure locations for
manufacturing enterprises in this
vicinity, and this difficulty seems
everywhere present. A new Eng-
land man is used to good roads. We
need a better road to Slady, to
Eagle Furnace, to Avoca Springs,
and to Blountville. Give us these,
and give them quickly, and we will
guarantee good results, and show
them speedily.

The Marion Convention of the
merchants of Virginia, and the ad-
joining States, is attracting deserv-
ed attention. It will be the means
of directing the attention of the
most enterprising class of people to
South West Va., and will doubt-
less lead to the development of
some of our dormant interests. We
think we recognize the hand of
Gov. McMullin in the call, and its
success will leave us under obliga-
tions to this old warhorse for his
sagacity in getting it up. Every
daily paper in Va., has favored it,
and many of the most wealthy and
distinguished merchants of the
Eastern cities, have pledged their
presence.

It seems that Judge Gillenwa-
ters has been interviewed during his
Blountville Court. He expressed
himself in favor of fewer officers,
and cheaper ones, and of more
money, and as opposed to permit-
ting the democrats to regain pow-
er. But then he wants the repub-
lican party to advance backward a
little with him.

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Bald Mountain.

Latest from the North Carolina

Volcano.

Colonel Woodson, city editor of the

Raleigh News, who has been spending

some days in the mountainous region

of Bald and Stone Mountains, signs up

his conclusion and those of a dis-
tinguished geologist in a letter to his
paper as follows:

VOLCANIC DISTURBANCES.

ARE A FIXED FACT.

At Marion, Old Fort and Sugar Hill,

all near the Catawba river, there are

distinctly marked and felt at Chimney

Rock, the fact of the range at Broad

river, the rumbling and trembling was

experienced day after day by every citi-
zen of the village, and even as far as

Charlottesville, still sixteen miles dis-
tant, the shaking of the earth was felt

by a number of persons. We saw,
heard and felt it, as did every man in

our party. Therefore, we deem it un-
necessary to repeat the detailed inter-
views of other parties to prove that

these disturbances actually exist in
Stone and Bald Mountains.

INTERVIEW WITH PROF. DUPRE.

What may give some of the proba-
ble causes and effect of the distur-
bances, Prof. Dupre is a native-
born and educated Virginian, though

for several years has filled with dis-
tinguished ability the chair of natural
science of Wofford college, Spartan-
burg, S. C. He is regarded as one of
the most accomplished geologists in
the South, and as a student of the
subject should be no man in this
country. At the first report of the
Bald mountain disturbance he set out
with the senior class of Wofford col-
lege to explore and analyze the new
wonder. We first met his party on
Stone mountain, where we asked for
an interview the next day at Chimney
Rock, which was kindly granted.

Professor Dupre, who was asked
professionally his opinion in regard to
the nature of the disturbances, and the
short space of time he had been on the
mountains, he was unprepared to ex-
press his views fully, especially as the
disturbances were strictly volcanic in
their action, and yet he so far as
possible gave the foundation and prin-
ciples of geology. In the first place, he
said, "Volcanoes, heretofore, have al-
ways bordered the sea, and have only
been found on islands and coasts. No-
where have they ever occurred farther
than deep waters on the sea coast, and
there is no theory that would indicate
their occurrence inland. The nearest
chain, the nearest point of which to
the sea is two hundred and fifty miles,
and at that point the water is shallow.
Moreover there has never been even
a slight subsidence of the land, and the
Rocky mountains and none on the
Atlantic coast. These facts have es-
tablished the main foundation of geo-
logical theory and it is these (volcan-
oes) are volcanic, and I firmly be-
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